

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

NORTHWEST ADMINISTRATORS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

RJD ENTERPRISES INC., a Washington
corporation,

Defendant.

No.

COMPLAINT TO COLLECT
TRUST FUNDS

I.

Plaintiff, Northwest Administrators, Inc., is an organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington, with its principal place of business in King County, and is the authorized administrative agency for and the assignee of the Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund and the Washington Teamsters Welfare Trust Fund (hereinafter "Trusts").

II.

The Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust Fund is an unincorporated association operating as a Trust Fund pursuant to Section 302 of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended, to provide retirement benefits to eligible participants.

III.

The Washington Teamsters Welfare Trust Fund is an unincorporated association operating as a Trust Fund pursuant to Section 302 of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended, to provide medical benefits to eligible participants.

IV.

This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action under Section 502(e)(1) and (f) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. §1132(e)(1) and (f) and under §301(a) of the Taft-Hartley Act, 29 U.S.C. §185(a).

V.

Venue is proper in this District under Section 502(e)(2) of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. §1132(e)(2), because the plaintiff's trust funds are administered in this District.

VI.

Defendant is a Washington corporation.

VII.

Defendant is bound to a collective bargaining agreement with Local 174 of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (hereinafter "Local"), under which the Defendant is required to promptly and fully report for and pay monthly contributions to the Trusts at specific rates for each hour of compensation (including vacations, holidays, overtime and sick leave) the Defendant pays to its employees who are members of the bargaining unit represented by the Local. Such bargaining unit

1 members are any of the Defendant's part-time or full-time employees who perform
2 any work task covered by the Defendant's collective bargaining agreements with the
3 Local, whether or not those employees ever actually join the Local.

4 VIII.

5 Defendant accepted the Plaintiff's Trust Agreements and Declarations and
6 agreed to pay liquidated damages equal to twenty percent (20%) of all delinquent
7 and delinquent paid contributions due to the Trusts, together with interest accruing
8 upon such delinquent contributions at varying annual rates from the first day of
9 delinquency until fully paid, as well as attorney's fees and costs the Trusts incur in
10 connection with the Defendant's unpaid obligations.
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12 IX.

13 Since the first day of October 2019, Defendant has failed to promptly report for
14 and pay to the Plaintiff's Trusts all amounts due as described above, and only
15 Defendant's records contain the detailed information necessary to an accurate
16 determination of the extent of the Defendant's unpaid obligations to the Trusts.
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18 WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff prays to the Court as follows:

19 1. That Defendant be compelled to render a monthly accounting to the
20 Plaintiff's attorneys and set forth in it the names and respective social security
21 numbers of each of the Defendant's employees who are members of the bargaining
22 unit represented by the Local, together with the total monthly hours for which the
23 Defendant compensated each of them, for the employment period beginning October
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1 2019 to the date of service of this Complaint to collect Trust Funds, and for whatever
2 amounts may thereafter accrue;

3 2. That it be granted judgment against Defendant for:

- 4 a. All delinquent contributions due to the Trusts;
- 5 b. All liquidated damages and pre-judgment interest due to the
- 6 Trusts;
- 7 c. All attorney's fees and costs incurred by the Trusts in connection
- 8 with the Defendant's unpaid obligation; and
- 9 d. Such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and
- 10 equitable.
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12 DATED this 18th day of April, 2020.

13 Respectfully submitted,

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15 L.L.P.

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